

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EPET, SA  
SUBJECT: PRINCE ABDULLAH ON OIL PRICES

1. ON DEC 15 AT THE END OF A MEETING DEVOTED TO OTHER SUBJECTS WITH BGEN WELLS (CHIEF, CORPS OF ENGINEERS, SAUDI ARABIA), SECOND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND NATIONAL GUARD COMMANDER PRINCE ABDULLAH BIN ABD AL AZIZ TURNED TO THE SUBJECT OF THE SAUDI POSITION ON OIL PRICES. PRINCE ABDULLAH SAID THAT THE SAUDI ARABIAN POSITION AT THE DOHA OPEC MEETING WAS THAT OIL PRICES SHOULD NOT BE RAISED FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER SIX MONTHS UNTIL THE NEW US PRESIDENT HAD BEEN GIVEN AN OPPORUTNITY TO SHOW HIS POSITIONS ON VARIOUS ISSUES.

2. PRINCE ABDULLAH SAID THAT SAUDI ARABIA WAS COMING UNDER CRITICISM FROM OTHER OPEC COUNTRIES FOR THIS POSITION AND THAT HE HAD BEEN TIED UP MUCH OF THE MORNING ANSWERING PHONE CALSS FROM FOREIGN LEADERS. SOME OF THE PHONE CALLS, HOWEVER, WERE FROM NON-OIL EXPORTING COUNTRIES SUPPORTING THE SAUDI POSITION.

3. ABDULLAH WENT ON TO SAY THAT IF IT BECAME NECESSARY TO RAISE PRICES SAUDI ARABIA MIGHT AGREE TO A FIVE PERCENT INCREASE WHICH WOULD BRING THE PRICE OF SAUDI OIL IN LINE WITH PRICES PRESENTLY BEING RECEIVED BY OTHER COUNTRIES. RATHER THAN GO HIGHER THAN THAT, HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT SAUDI ARABIA WAS PREPARED TO "DOUBLE PRODUCTION".

4. PRINCE ABDULLAH TOLD GEN. WELLS THAT THE SAUDI POSITION WAS STILL "TOP SECRET" AND WOULD NOT BECOME PUBLIC FOR SECRET

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SEVERAL MORE DAYS.

5. DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT OTHER POSTS AS APPROPRIATE.  
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